



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**5 POST OFFICE SQUARE, SUITE 100**  
**MAILCODE: OSRR07-1**  
**BOSTON, MA 02109-3912**

January 29, 2018

Mr. Robert Simeone  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator  
BRAC Environmental Office  
30 Quebec Street, Box 100  
Devens, MA 01434

Re: Army Proposed PFAS Areas of Contamination (AOCs)  
Former Fort Devens Army Installation, Devens, MA

Dear Mr. Simeone:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to Army's January 17, 2018 proposal to add recently confirmed PFAS Areas of Contamination (AOCs) as additional sites to be investigated pursuant to Section VI of the 1991 Devens Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). Specifically, the September 2017 draft PFAS Site Inspection (SI) Report revealed PFAS in soils and/or groundwater at the following previously identified and existing Study Areas (SAs) and AOCs:

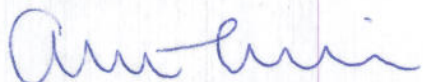
- SA 74 – Barnum Road Firefighting Exercise Site
- SA 75 – Former Building T-1445 Warehouse Fire
- AOC 5 – Shepley's Hill Landfill
- AOC 32 – Former DRMO Yard
- AOC 50 – Former Moore Army Airfield (MAAF)
- AOC 20 – Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Sand Filter Beds
- AOC 21 – WWTP Sludge Drying Beds
- AOC 30 – Former Moore Army Airfield (MAAF) Drum Storage Area
- AOC 31 – Former MAAF Fighting Training Area

While some of these AOCs are active CERCLA sites (i.e., AOC 5, AOC 32 and AOC 50), the two SAs and remaining AOCs were previously evaluated and closed out in accordance with applicable EPA regulations, policy and guidance. Regardless of their current CERCLA status, however, all of these locations are current PFAS AOCs to be investigated and remediated (if warranted) in accordance with Paragraph 6.5 of the Devens FFA.

EPA is aware that Army is awaiting validation of recent PFAS sample data from a subset of long-term monitoring (LTM) wells. Should these results confirm the presence of PFAS in groundwater at any of these locations, EPA expects Army to issue a subsequent proposal to add those (and any other yet-to-be-identified PFAS-impacted) AOCs to the list of PFAS sites to be investigated at the former Fort Devens Superfund site.

Should you have any questions in regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Keating at (617) 918-1393, Laurie O'Connor at (617) 918-1605, or me at (617) 918-1273.

Sincerely,



Anni Loughlin, Chief  
Federal Facilities Superfund Section  
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

cc: Andy Van Dyke, U.S. Army  
Susan Ryan, U.S. Army  
Ron Ostrowski, MassDevelopment  
David Chaffin, MassDEP  
William Walsh-Rogalski, U.S. EPA  
Chelsea Dixon, U.S. EPA  
Dave Peterson, U.S. EPA  
Carol Keating, U.S. EPA  
Laurie O'Connor, U.S. EPA